(b) what are the details of the fresh steps that have been taken to attract students to sports and scouting at young age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it sanctioned the following grants to Punjab University for promotion of sports during the last three years:

Year	Amount paid
1984-85	Rs. 50,000
1985-86	Nil
1986-87	Rs. 1,00,000

(b) With a view to attracting students to sports the Government have raised the number and value of sports scholarships for students three-fold. The Sports Authority of India has launched the schemes of National Sports Talent Contest for school students and Adoption of schools for nurturing talent spotted in the Contest. The Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports has set up a number of Sports field Stations in universities to impart sports training and coaching to students. The new School Prize Money Scheme based on district level tournaments among schools is expected to create enthusiasm for sports among students. Besides, grants are given by Government to the University Grants Commission for assisting universities and colleges in creation of sports infrastructure. As for scouting and guiding, a provision of Rs. 1 crore has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for encouraging these activities, *inter alia* in schools and colleges.

Assistance to Punjab University for Video Cassette Production

147. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to help in the establishment of video cassette production units by various educational institutions or Universities; and

(b) if so, what assistance has been offered to the Punjab University for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The UGC is implementing a programme of establishment of Educational Media Research Centres and Audio-Visual Research Centres in selected universities. The centres are intended for the production of software for educational broadcasts and telecasts and for training of manpower for this purpose.

(b) The Punjab University has submitted a proposal for the establishment of an Audio-Visual Research Centre. No decision has been taken by the Commission on this proposal. In the meanwhile, the Commission has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 11.25 lakhs to the Punjab University for production of Video-programmes.

U.G.C. sanction for Film Study centres in Universities

148. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has sanctioned setting up of Film Study Centres in some Universities;

(b) if so, what are the objects and guiding principles for the establishment of such Centres; and

(c) which of the Universities that have already set up these centres?